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**Supplemental  
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Application No.

10/650,248

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/14/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 16.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Kimberly T. Wood  
Primary Examiner  
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This is an office action for serial number 10/650,248.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claim 16 is allowed.

***Supplemental Examiner's Amendment***

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

**Claim 16 (currently amended):**

A book holding device adapted for use with a vehicle steering wheel comprising:

an upper filleted rectangular support plate having an upper surface, a lower surface, an upper edge, and a lower edge;

[[an]] a lower filleted rectangular support plate having an upper surface, a lower surface an upper edge, and a lower edge;

a hinge for connecting said upper support plate lower edge to the lower support plate upper edge; wherein the support plates are pivotable from an open position to a closed position;

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two identical mating pads formed of hook-and-loop fastener material attached adjacent to the upper support plate upper edge,

two identical fastening straps attached to said upper support plate lower surface and being formed of a material to connect with the two identical mating pads,

the two fastening straps configured to loop around a steering wheel and connect the upper support plate to the steering wheel;

[[A]] a folding shelf being attached to the lower support plate to form a support platform to hold printed matter or electronic devices;

two identical elastic loops located below the folding shelf adapted to hold a writing utensil;

two identical elastic bands attached to a lower surface of the lower support plate and each connect diagonally across the corners of the lower support plate, ~~the elastic bands configured to attach the lower support plate to the steering wheel~~ the elastic bands configured to prevent book pages from turning.

#### **Reasons for Allowance**

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not disclose a book holding device

for a vehicle steering wheel having an upper and lower plate connected by a hinge having straps on the upper plate and bands on the lower plate for attaching to the steering wheel; a foldable shelf and loops for a holding writing utensil.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

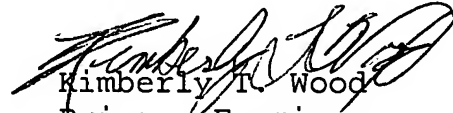
### **Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kimberly T. Wood whose telephone number is 571-272-6826. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Olzweski can be reached on 571-272-. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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